

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following includes a complete set of pending claims including mark-ups.

Please amend Claims 11-13 and 18.

Please cancel Claims 19-20.

1.-10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A component part adapted to be fitted in an opening provided in a plastic fuel tank main body, said fuel tank main body having a laminated structure including a layer made of gasoline barrier material and an outer layer made of weldable plastic material, and said opening communicating an interior and exterior of said tank main body with each other, said component part comprising:

a first part made of gasoline barrier material extending across said component part so as to substantially separate the interior and exterior of said tank main body from each other; and

a second part made of weldable plastic material provided in a peripheral part of said component part ~~[[of]]~~ at which said component part is to be welded to a part of said outer layer of said tank main body surrounding said opening, ~~said peripheral part defining an annular abutting surface defined by said first and second parts disposed concentrically one next to the other~~ in said peripheral part of said component part,

wherein said first part defines an end surface to be engaged with said outer layer of said fuel tank main body when said component part is fitted in said opening, said second part ~~[[at]]~~ in said abutting surface peripheral part projecting slightly beyond said end surface of said first part ~~at said abutting surface~~ and exposing said abutting end surface of said first part, so that said exposed abutting end surface of said first part ~~contacting~~ contacts said outer layer of said plastic fuel tank main body when said second part is welded to said outer layer of said plastic fuel tank main body.

12. (currently amended) A component part according to claim 11, wherein said second part projecting beyond said end surface of said first part ~~at said abutting surface~~ defines a convex surface.

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13. (currently amended) A component part according to claim 11, wherein said second part projecting beyond said end surface of said first part ~~at said abutting surface~~ defines a slanted flat surface.

14.-17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) A component part adapted to be fitted in an opening provided in a plastic fuel tank main body, said fuel tank main body having a laminated structure including a layer made of gasoline barrier material and an outer layer made of weldable plastic material, and said opening communicating an interior and exterior of said tank main body with each other, said component part comprising:

a first part made of gasoline barrier material extending across said component part so as to substantially separate the interior and exterior of said tank main body from each other, wherein ~~said first part is at least partially an outer layer of said component part exterior to the tank main body;~~ and

a second part made of weldable plastic material provided in a peripheral part of said component part ~~[[of]]~~ at which said component part is to be welded to a part of said outer layer of said tank main body surrounding said opening, ~~said peripheral part defining an annular abutting surface defined by said first and second parts disposed concentrically one next to the other in said peripheral part of said component part,~~

wherein said first part defines an end surface to be engaged with said outer layer of said fuel tank main body when said component part is fitted in said opening, said second part ~~[[at]] in said abutting surface peripheral part projecting slightly beyond said end surface of said first part, and at said abutting surface~~

wherein an outer surface of said second part which is directly exposed to the environment outside the tank main body when said component part is fitted in said opening is substantially covered with said first part.

19.-20. (canceled)